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**PATENT
Attorney Docket No. GC816****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of)	Group Art Unit: 1631
AEHLE et al.)	Examiner: Lori A. Clow
Serial No.: 10/688,255)	
Filed: October 16, 2003)	
For: Generation of Stabilized Proteins)	
by Combinatorial Consensus)	
Mutagenesis)	

Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement Mailed July 11, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 11, 2006, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be made. Applicants also hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to file the present Response. A complete list of the Claims, including marked-up versions of the rewritten, added, withdrawn, and/or cancelled claims is provided below, beginning on page 2. None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of *Festo*¹. The Remarks are on page 5.

¹ *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).